

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1, 3-8, 10-13, 15-17, 19 and 20 are pending in the application.

Restriction was required to one of the following allegedly distinct inventions:

Group I: Claims 1 and 3-7, drawn to a method for interacting with a user over a peer-to-peer network which implements content rating from a user, wherein the content rating provides an indication of the user's rating of a file.

Classified in Class 709, subclass 217.

Group II: Claims 8, 10-13, 15-17, 19, and 20, drawn to a system (method and apparatus) for protecting personal information during file transmission in a peer-to-peer environment.

Classified in Class 726, subclass 5.

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 121, applicants hereby elect the Group I claims, i.e. Claims 1 and 3-7, without traverse, for initial prosecution on the merits.

REMARKS

In view of the above Amendment to the claims status identifiers, Applicant submits that Claims 1 and 3-7 are now pending in the application and are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes there are still unresolved issues, a telephone call to the undersigned would be welcomed

Respectfully submitted,

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